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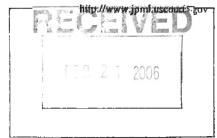
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NOTICE OF HEARING SESSION



Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to the order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation filed today, you are hereby notified that a hearing session has been scheduled to consider various matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

DATE OF HEARING SESSION:

March 30, 2006

LOCATION OF HEARING SESSION:

Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse Special Proceedings Courtroom, Seventh Floor 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

TIME OF HEARING SESSION: In those matters designated for oral argument, counsel presenting oral argument must be present at 8:30 a.m. in order for the Panel to allocate the amount of time for oral argument. Oral argument will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Please direct your attention to the enclosed Hearing Session Order and Schedule of Matters for Hearing Session for a listing of the matters scheduled for consideration at this hearing session.

- Section A of this Schedule lists the matters designated for oral argument.
- Section B of this Schedule lists the matters that the Panel has determined to consider without oral argument, pursuant to Rule 16.1(c), R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 439 (2001).

For those matters listed on Section A of the Schedule, the enclosed blue "Notice of Presentation or Waiver of Oral Argument" must be returned to this office no later than March 13, 2006. Note the procedures governing Panel oral argument which are outlined on the enclosed "Procedures for Oral Argument before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation." These procedures are strictly adhered to and your cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly,

Michael J. Back Michael J. Beck Clerk of the Panel